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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, Filing Date Granted," dated January 28, 2002, response to which was due March 28, 2002, enclosed are the following:

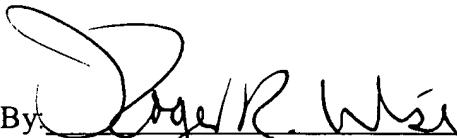
- A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted".
- A "Declaration and Power of Attorney" executed by the inventor(s).
- An "Assignment" document executed by the inventor(s), along with an Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet and a check in the amount of \$40.00.

- A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee.
- A check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the fee for five (5) independent claims in excess of three.
- A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late Declaration.
- A Petition for extension of time to respond to the Notice of Missing Parts for five (5) months.
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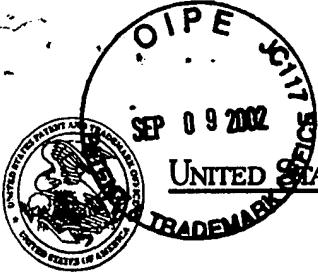
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
- Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$420.
 - \$420 for 5 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1290.**

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